1. (twice amended) In an intraoperative ultrasound probe for insertion into a patient, the intraoperative ultrasound probe having a handle section and a transducer section, the transducer section including a transducer, an improvement comprising:

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an adaptable section between the handle section and the transducer section, the adaptable section operable to allow bending movement of and maintain the position of the handle section relative to the transducer section without steering wires, the adaptable section being memory-less.

11. (twice amended) An intraoperative or endocavity ultrasound probe for insertion into a cavity or surgical incision of a patient, the probe comprising:

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a transducer housing;

a handle housing; and

an adjustable section joining the transducer housing to the handle housing, the adjustable section having a flexible covering and a device to maintain an adjusted bent position of the transducer housing to the handle housing without a device for adjusting the adjustable section during use within the patient.

19. (amended) A method for using an intraoperative or endocavity ultrasound probe, the method comprising the acts of:

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(a) inserting the probe into a cavity of a patient;

(b) rotating a first axis of a transducer housing relative to second axis of a handle housing prior to (a); and

(c) maintaining a relative position of the first and second axes while the transducer housing is within the cavity.

**Please add new claim 27 as follows:**

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27. The intraoperative probe of Claim 1 wherein the adjustable section is operable such that the spatial orientation of the transducer section with respect to the handle section is maintained free of change during use in the cavity.